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NOT VOTING-

Baucus Campbell Edwards Fitzgerald Kerry

The amendment (No. 3260) was agreed to.

Mr. SHELBY. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. ALLEN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. LEVIN. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WILLIAM HOUGHTON

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Mr. William Houghton on his selection by the Small Business Administration as the 2004 Nevada Small Business Person of the Year. It is my honor to recognize Mr. Houghton's achievement, as well as the hard work and ingenuity he has displayed in building his own business over the past 12 years.

The story actually begins in 1987, when Mr. Houghton got a job with a Las Vegas company that distributed business forms. His pay was just \$5 an hour but he set his sights much higher.

In 1992 he became a partner with his former boss, and they formed their own firm called Horizon Business Systems. They started with one employee and did about \$500,000 worth of business the first year.

Mr. Houghton eventually bought out his partner, and took on the challenge of overseeing the company's transition through the rapid technological developments of the late 1990s. His good business sense and strong leadership helped the business grow, and today it employs 12 workers and logs more than \$2.2 million in sales.

Small businesses such as Horizon Business Systems are the engine that powers our Nation's economy, representing 99.7 percent of all employers, employing more than half our Nation's private sector workers, and creating up to 80 percent of all net new jobs annually.

In this spirit, the SBA's Small Business Person of the Year award seeks to acknowledge the critical role of small businesses in creating jobs and spurring economic growth, and the successes of individual small business owners throughout the country.

Please join me in congratulating Mr. William Houghton on the remarkable success of his business and on his selection as the 2004 Nevada Small Business Person of the Year.

JESSICA BARIS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Jessica Baris, a junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary L.D. Lockhart Unit 14 of Nevada, on her impressive commitment to academic excellence and community service.

It is always an honor to recognize a talented young person, and Jessica certainly fits that description. She has given generously of her time to many worthy causes, including serving more than 350 hours as a student tutor for young children in her community.

She also has helped organize several charitable events, including a fundraiser for Share Our Strength, an organization that fights hunger and poverty throughout the world.

Jessica also organized a clothing drive for needy children abroad. Most of the clothing was sent to U.S. serviceman in the Philippines, who distributed the items to local children. Her efforts not only helped those children, but also afforded our soldiers with a great opportunity to build goodwill in an important part of the world.

Jessica also received a grant from the United Way to create a "Wall of Peace" for Make a Difference Day. By organizing 20 teams of students to produce murals, the project spread awareness of the importance of tolerance and kindness in her school and community. Jessica wrote an essay on this project for the National Endowment for the Humanities' Idea of America contest that was recognized by First Lady Laura Bush at a White House ceremony.

She also participated in an essay contest sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution, winning an award for her essay on the contributions of the unsung heroes of our Armed Forces.

Jessica's hard work and dedication to service culminated this year in her selection for a \$25,000 college scholarship from AXA Financial Services. This young woman has tremendous potential, and I expect great things from her in the future. Please join me in congratulating Jessica Baris on her many impressive achievements.

ROTARY CLUB OF TONOPAH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Tonopah on its 80th anniversary. It is my honor to recognize the Tonopah club on this important milestone, which marks the lasting contributions of its members to the civic and economic life of the community.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders dedicated to high ethical standards and humanitarian service. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries.

The third oldest club in the State of Nevada, the Rotary Club of Tonopah received its charter on June 2, 1924. With the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Reno, the Tonopah club's 19 charter members laid the foundation for an important and enduring institution in their community.

Since then the Tonopah club has embraced the high ideals of Rotary. The members of the club have developed opportunities for service in Tonopah, maintained high ethical standards in business and professional ventures, and done countless things to improve the quality of life in Tonopah, NV, and our Nation.

Please join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Tonopah on its 80th anniversary and wishing its members the best of luck as they continue their work and service.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS 2004

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Chase Correia of Galena High School in northern Nevada and Jeremee Peters of The Meadows School in Las Vegas on their selection as 2004 Presidential Scholars.

This award reflects a lot of hard work and a strong commitment to academic excellence on the part of the individual students as well as their schools.

The United States Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by an Executive order of President Lyndon B. Johnson. Each year the program honors 141 students based on their academic success, artistic achievements, leadership and involvement in their school and community.

Chase and Jeremee are both exemplary students in these respects. Chase has a passion for science, has interned in a cancer research center, and is a member of the Reno Youth City Council. Jeremee is the valedictorian of her class, a very accomplished Spanish student, and a volunteer who teaches